

COUNTRY: Iran/Iraq/India/Pakistan
Iranian Attitudes Toward US and Iraq/
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1. In Iran, the US traveller now [fall 1953] finds himself considerably more welcome than at any time in the past year or more. It is undoubtedly the result of the government's official pro-US attitude. Both the people and the government seem genuinely grateful for the prompt US financial aid given at the time of the Shah's return, and for Point Four assistance. Some

2. Friendly Iran-Iraq relations appear to be at an all time high, springing largely, according to report, from the occasion when King Feisal of Iraq met the Shah at the airport with his own car and complete entourage when the latter was fleeing. 25X6A

3. A number of the larger businessmen in Iran would like to see the petroleum industry operated by US companies, but the older, more practical ones seem to resign themselves to the eventual resumption of operations by the British, whom they hate nonetheless, but realize the practical advantages.

4. The Indians are appearing to become increasingly nationalistic, and critical of the other nations, particularly those which had once conquered the continent. Two Indian businessmen I met were quite unhappy when I pointed out that most of the buildings and places of which they were proud were the handiwork of the British and other conquerers, dating back to the Moguls, and that I had failed to observe any such testimonials to the Indian culture they were making so much about.

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